

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2017-005	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Women's Diversion Scheme - Gwent
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to extend the funding for the Women's Diversion Scheme for 12 months operating across Gwent Police Force area.

## **DECISION**

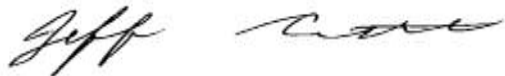
1. The Women's Triage/Diversion is an integral part of the whole system approach (WSA) being delivered across Wales in relation to the Women's Pathfinder Initiative.
2. A Pan-Wales Triage Scheme was initially piloted at one site in Cardiff from July 2014. Following a successful bid by Gwent OPCC to the Home Office Innovation Fund in 2014/2015 two years funding was awarded for 2014/15 and 2015/16 to enable the Scheme to be piloted in four additional sites across Wales. Following a development phase and procurement process a contract was awarded to Women's Aid (Newport) to deliver the scheme for Newport (Gwent). The Scheme launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 as agreed by the Commissioner in decision PCCG-2015-068.  
  
Evidence suggests that women who are arrested are often low risk but considered high, in terms of needs and vulnerabilities. Some face multiple and complex issues including poor mental health, substance misuse, and abuse. It has long been recognised that women in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) benefit from a distinct approach which takes into account the multiple needs and provides opportunity to address the underlying causes of the offending behaviour, such issues have been prioritised in a number of Police and Crime Plans across the UK.
3. It was agreed at the All Wales Policing Group in January 2017 to look into an All Wales approach for future provision.
4. I have agreed to extend the contract for a further 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at a value of £77,322, to allow for a robust commissioning process to be developed and delivered for Gwent in order for provision to continue into 2018/19 and beyond. Furthermore, this allows a consistent service for women who are arrested with high needs and vulnerabilities across Gwent.

<b>Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent</b>
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I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.
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The above request has my approval.
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<b>Background papers</b>	Women's Pathfinder – Diversion Scheme Business Case, 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2016.
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